

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
COUNCIL MEETING  
November 22, 2006**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Regular Council Meeting held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, November 22, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

Reeve: Myler Savill, Joussard  
Deputy Reeve: David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie  
Councillor: Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt  
Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow  
Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood  
Ken Killeen, Kinuso  
Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle  
Fern Welch, Grouard

Absent: Violet Campiou, Faust

Administration: John Eriksson, C.A.O.  
Jeff Renaud, A.C.A.O.  
Gilles Lussier, Sup't of P.W.  
Gerald Loewen, Treasurer  
Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer  
Gary Braithwaite, Ag. Fieldman  
Sharon Strang, FCSS Director  
Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary

Delegation: Tanya Samizadeh, Big Lake Country Tourism

Press: Chris Clegg, South Peace News  
Raffaele Papaianni, CKVH

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Savill called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**MINUTES:**

2006-23-766

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the minutes of the November 8, 2006 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Councillor Billings asked for clarification on the item from the previous meeting regarding tangible capital assets reporting. Mr. Eriksson provided a brief explanation. After some discussion it was agreed to place the item on the next AAMD&C Zone 4 meeting agenda.

Councillor Dupres joined the meeting at 10:04 a.m.

**ADDENDUM  
TO AGENDA:**

2006-23-767

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the agenda with addendum for the November 22, 2006 Council Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****REPORTS:****REEVE:**

Reeve Savill commented on meetings held with various Ministers during the AAMD&C conference. He was advised that subsequent to Council's meeting with the Deputy Commissioner of the RCMP that S/Sgt. Pierson from the High Prairie Detachment was asked to fax a copy of the Local Protocol Agreement to K Division.

Mr. Papaianni entered the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Reeve Savill stated that it appears as though High Prairie will be at the top of the list to receive additional officers when they come available.

**C.A.O.:**

Mr. Eriksson added that he had the Protocol Agreement emailed to S/Sgt. Pierson as per his request late yesterday so that K-Division may make some minor revisions.

Mr. Eriksson reported that he has been advised as per the meeting with the Ministers of Justice and Infrastructure and Transportation regarding the Faust Court House that court services will be transferred to High Prairie from Faust likely in January because the current facility is not adequate. Discussions will continue in an effort to find an appropriate facility to resurrect the court services.

Mr. Eriksson advised that he and Mr. Renaud were able to sell some cabin lottery tickets at the AAMD&C conference for the High Prairie Sports Complex Society.

Mr. Eriksson expressed his appreciation to Council for their role in his receiving the R.W. Hay award.

Mr. Eriksson made note of a press release included as information in the addendum regarding increased funding under the 2007-2008 Resource Road Program. The deadline for applications is the end of November. Mr. Lussier reported that he just reviewed a draft application which will be submitted by early next week. Mr. Lussier provided an explanation of the Resource Road Program for the benefit of the new councillors.

Mr. Eriksson mentioned that the AAMD&C pre-convention Rural Physician Action Plan workshop was very interesting. The Physician Action Plan Director has volunteered to attend a meeting with the High Prairie Community Health Council to discuss the issue. He noted that information has been included on the addendum. Mr. Eriksson suggested that Council consider who should replace him on the High Prairie Community Health Council Physician Retention Committee.

Reeve Savill noted that Council reaffirmed its support for the new acute care facility in Grande Prairie during the meeting with the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, during the AAMD&C conference. Discussion was also held with the Hon. Lund regarding the impact of inflation rates on construction costs and the updated estimate of the new hospital in Grande Prairie. Reeve Savill suggested that Council consider inflation estimates during budget deliberations and look at the cost of borrowing money as opposed to waiting to complete projects and facing increased construction costs.

Mr. Eriksson reported that administration is currently working on the 2007 budget.

Mr. Eriksson further reported that all but one of the landowners approached in Grouard agreed to have trees cut down on their property as a part of the FireSmart Program.

2006-23-768

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Reeve and C.A.O.'s Reports be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC WORKS:**

***MINISTER OF  
INFRASTRUCTURE &  
TRANSPORTATION:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, in response to Council's letter regarding funding under the Water for Life Strategy for water and sewer extensions in the Hamlet of Grouard.

2006-23-769

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR WELCH** that the correspondence from the Hon. Ty Lund, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, dated November 9, 2006 regarding funding under the Water for Life Strategy for water and sewer extensions in the Hamlet of Grouard be tabled.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***AWARD OF QUOTATION  
- GRADER  
PURCHASES:***

Mr. Lussier reported that quotations were received for the supply of two new graders; however, some supplier information was incomplete. Additionally, he is waiting for feedback from other municipalities regarding different graders, and as such, recommended that Council table the item.

2006-23-770

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that the award of quotation for the supply of two new motor graders be tabled to the next meeting

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***PUBLIC WORKS  
REPORT:***

Mr. Lussier reported that the new membrane filtration system has been installed and is being utilized at the Jousard Water Treatment Plant. He advised that the supplier's technician has provided a portion of the training for the utility operators and will return to complete the training session.

Mr. Lussier reiterated that the draft Resource Road Program applications have been reviewed and will be sent out well before the deadline.

Mr. Lussier commented that other municipalities during the AAMD&C conference indicated that they are also facing many of the same issues as Big Lakes in areas of development and contracting.

Mr. Braithwaite joined the meeting at 10:22 a.m.

Mr. Lussier reported that AMEC has been negotiating land purchases with some success with landowners along the Gilwood Road for the right of way widening.

A brief discussion took place regarding applications under the Resource Road Program and

Mr. Lussier provided an update on the Seal Lake access road project through the Peavine Settlement. He advised that Peavine has not received a formal response with respect to their request for increased funding for their portion of the road. The low bidder to the tender allowed his bid bond to stay valid for an additional month which will now come due next month. Mr. Lussier is unsure whether the contractor will be asked to keep the bid bond valid for another month.

2006-23-771

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that the Public Works Superintendent Report be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**AGRICULTURE:*****CLEAR HILLS  
COUNTY:***

Correspondence from Clear Hills County Agricultural Service Board and Council seeking support from partnering municipalities to include certain services for elk and bison in the V.S.I. program was tabled at the previous meeting.

Mr. Lussier left the meeting at 10:26 a.m.

Mr. Braithwaite reported that a concern was expressed at the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting regarding mileage rates charged by the High Prairie vet. V.S.I. Services has determined that the mileage falls within the high end of the guidelines in terms of the rates that vets are permitted to charge. Mr. Braithwaite noted that the issue will be addressed at the November 23<sup>rd</sup> V.S.I. annual meeting in Peace River.

A recommendation was made at the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting to include services for elk and bison under the V.S.I. program.

2006-23-772

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that certain services for elk and bison as identified in the correspondence dated October 4, 2006 from Clear Hills County be included under the V.S.I. program.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***ASB EQUIPMENT  
PURCHASES:***

Mr. Braithwaite provided a recommendation from the Agricultural Advisory Committee that Council approve the purchase of a five foot extension to the 10 foot Degelman mower, a new 10 foot Schulte brush mower, a hydraulic wire spooler for the ASB rental equipment, a tree fogger for the ASB equipment rental and that the oldest Schulte 10 foot mower be moved to the ASB rental equipment as part of the 2007 budget considerations.

2006-23-773

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Council consider the following purchases during 2007 budget deliberations:

- 5 foot extension to the 10 foot Degelman mower
- new 10 foot Schulte brush mower
- hydraulic wire spooler for the ASB rental equipment line
- tree fogger for the ASB rental equipment line

and further that the oldest Schulte 10 foot mower be moved to the ASB rental equipment line.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****H.P. SEED  
CLEANING CO-OP:**

A request was received from Mr. Bryant Kushner, High Prairie Seed Cleaning Co-op Plant Manager, to access \$25,000.00 from the funds allocated by the M.D. for the construction of a new plant to fence the 5 acres of land recently purchased by the Seed Cleaning Co-op. Council discussed the request.

Mrs. Olansky entered the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

2006-23-774

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 be provided to the High Prairie Seed Cleaning Co-op from the Seed Cleaning Plant Reserve to assist with the costs to fence the 5 acres of land recently purchased.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY****AG. FIELDMAN'S  
REPORT:**

Mr. Braithwaite reported that all the seasonal ASB staff are now done for the year. He is currently working on an agenda for the 2008 Provincial ASB Conference to be held in Grande Prairie. Mr. Braithwaite will be in Edmonton for Agricultural Fieldmen in-service training from December 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>.

Councillor Killeen questioned if the Agricultural Advisory Committee discussed purchasing a tree spade for rental purposes. Mr. Braithwaite advised that it was discussed previously and concern was expressed in terms of transporting and abuse and maintenance requirements if the spade is dug into rocks. Mr. Braithwaite will gather information for Council's consideration for the budget meetings.

2006-23-775

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the Agricultural Fieldman's Report to Council be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Braithwaite left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.

**PLANNING/DEVELOPMENT  
COMM. SERVICES:****BYLAW #23-2006:**

Bylaw No. 23-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to amend the site provisions of the Agriculture (A) District wherein the maximum lot size for country residential parcels would be increased from 4.0 hectares (10 acres) to 16.19 hectares (40 acres) was presented to Council for first reading. Council discussed the request and whether the Municipal Planning Commission could approve an exception to the Bylaw as opposed to amending the Land Use Bylaw.

2006-23-776

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that:

1. Bylaw No. 23-2006 be approved for first reading.
2. A public hearing date be set for January 24, 2006 at 1:15 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the M.D. of Big Lakes Administration Building.
3. Notices of the public hearing be placed in the January 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 issues of the South Peace News and the January 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007 issues of the High Prairie Times newspapers.

**CARRIED**

**MINISTER OF  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT:**

An invitation was received from the Hon. Denis Ducharme, Minister of Community Development, to consider submitting a bid for the right to host the 2009 Alberta 55 Plus Winter or Summer Games.

2006-23-777

**MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the correspondence from the Hon. Denis Ducharme, Minister of Community Development, dated November 6, 2006 regarding bids for the right to host the 2009 Alberta 55 Plus Winter or Summer Games be referred to the High Prairie and District Recreation Board.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**APPOINTMENT OF  
SDAB MEMBER:**

An expression of interest was received from Mrs. Torrens to let her name stand on the M.D. of Big Lakes Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

2006-23-778

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Mrs. Vivian Torrens be appointed to the M.D. of Big Lakes Subdivision and Development Appeal Board.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mrs. Strang joined the meeting at 10:45 a.m.

**WINTER  
LIGHT UP:**

An invitation was received from Mayor John Brodrick, Town of High Prairie, to attend the Winter Light Up on December 1, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. A personal invitation was also extended to Reeve Savill to ride with Mayor Brodrick during the light up parade.

2006-23-779

**MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL** that Deputy Reeve Marx be approved to participate in the Winter Light Up Parade on December 1, 2006.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**POLICE POINT:**

Mr. Renaud provided information on the Alberta Community Development Historical Resources Designation Program. He noted that an application for designation does not have to originate from the municipality.

Mrs. Olansky left the meeting at 10:46 a.m.

Mr. Renaud advised that Mr. Will Marx is involved with a group that is making an effort to have Police Point designated an historical site. Mr. Marx indicated that he will be submitting a letter requesting a letter of support from the M.D. to accompany their application package. The group is already in receipt of a letter of support from the RCMP. Mr. Renaud is to check whether Mr. Marx also has a letter of concurrence from the landowner and whether a formal application has been completed by the group.

2006-23-780

**MOVED BY REEVE SAVILL** that a letter be provided in care of Will Marx in support of the historical designation of Police Point in Grouard with the provision that the application gives evidence that the landowner concurs with the application.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COMMUNITY DRUG  
AND ALCOHOL  
STRATEGY:**

Information was provided regarding Strathcona County's Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy. Mrs. Strang informed Council of the many ways in which FCSS is involved in terms of providing funds and programming for parents and students to address and help prevent drug and alcohol issues. She advised that FCSS will also be a part of the new drug coalition in High Prairie. Mrs. Strang added that she will review the Strategy and present it to the Drug Coalition in High Prairie. Mr. Renaud explained that Strathcona was part of a pilot project through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to form a framework for developing a model municipal drug strategy. Copies of the framework are available from Mr. Renaud.

Mrs. Strang informed Council that High Prairie has been selected by the Alberta Seniors Ministry for a research study of age friendly rural remote communities under 5000 as a result of FCSS' work with seniors in High Prairie and surrounding areas. The research study is an initiative of the World Health Organization and 11 communities were chosen in Canada. Mrs. Strang was asked to be the community contact.

A break was taken from 11:05 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Councillor Welch and Mrs. Strang did not return to the meeting.

**YOUTH & SENIOR  
ADVISORY**

**REPRESENTATIVES:** Information was provided to Council on senior and youth advisors to the Village of Breton.

Deputy Reeve Marx returned to the meeting at 11:16 a.m.

Discussion took place on various advisory committee structures and suggestions on ways to involve high school students in municipal government.

**2006-23-781** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that a letter be sent to all seniors groups in the municipality and various school superintendents within the M.D. asking for suggestions on how Council could proceed with selecting and appointing youth and senior advisory representatives to Council.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**MINISTER  
OF SRD:**

Correspondence was received from the Hon. David Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development, in response to Council's letter regarding prescribed burning by the public in the Buffalo Bay/Horse Lake Wetlands.

**2006-23-782** **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that a letter be sent to Mr. Jim Lunn, Area Forestry Manager, SRD Lesser Slave Lake Area, recommending that a committee including Fire Chief John Gould, Garfield Cox, Chairman of the Buffalo Bay Haying Association, and Kurt Kushner, Sustainable Resource Development, but not to exclude other participants, be established to review guidelines to manage haying and grazing activities and prescribed burning for the Buffalo Bay/Horse Lakes Wetland Complex.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**O.C. SPRAY USE, CARE  
AND HANDLING  
POLICY:**

A draft Oleoresin Capsicum (O.C.) Spray Use, Care, and Handling Policy (BLE-05) was provided to Council for review. Mr. Renaud explained that the policy is required in order that S/Cst. Bronson may carry O.C. Spray as per his appointment.

**2006-23-783** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR DUPRES** that the Oleoresin Capsicum (O.C.) Spray Use, Care, and Handling Policy (BLE-05) be accepted as amended.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:45 a.m. and reconvened at 12:59 p.m. Mr. Papaanni did not return to the meeting.

**FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION:**

**CHEQUE LIST:** Council reviewed the current cheque list.

**2006-23-784** **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that cheques #35284 to #35463 in the total amount of \$728,961.77 for the period of November 9, 2006 be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**TAX SALE  
RESERVE BIDS:**

The reserve bids for the December 4<sup>th</sup> Tax Sale were presented to Council for approval. The reserve bids were determined by Compass Assessment Consultants on behalf of the M.D.

2006-23-785 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the reserve bids for the December 4, 2006 Tax Sale be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***SUBSISTENCE &  
TRAVEL EXPENSE &  
ALLOWANCES  
POLICY:***

Council was provided with the revised Subsistence and Travel Expense and Allowances Policy (Admin-10) with changes recommended at the November 8<sup>th</sup> regular council meeting.

2006-23-786 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that the revised Subsistence and Travel Expense and Allowances Policy (Admin-10) be approved as presented.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***MEETING  
CANCELLATION:***

Council agreed to cancel the December 27, 2006 regular council meeting.

2006-23-787 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the December 27, 2006 regular council meeting be cancelled.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

***H.P. NATIVE  
FRIENDSHIP  
CENTRE:***

An invitation was received from Ms. Lynn Bellerose, Executive Director of the High Prairie Native Friendship Centre, to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Elder's Banquet to be held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Eagles Nest Complex in Enilda.

2006-23-788 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that any councillor wishing to attend the High Prairie Native Friendship Centre's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Elder's Banquet on December 2<sup>nd</sup> be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***MINISTER OF  
HEALTH AND  
WELLNESS:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Iris Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, with regard to the status of ground ambulance services and in particular with respect to provincial funding for 2007/2008 fiscal year.

2006-23-789 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the correspondence from the Hon. Iris Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, dated November 6, 2006 with regard to the status of ground ambulance services and 2007/2008 provincial funding be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***HON. KEN  
KOWALSKI:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Ken Kowalski, M.L.A., in response to Council's letter to the Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance regarding funding for a new acute care facility in Grande Prairie.

2006-23-790 **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the correspondence from the Hon. Ken Kowalski, M.L.A., dated November 7, 2006 in response to Council's letter regarding funding for a new acute care facility in Grande Prairie be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***DEPUTY PREMIER/  
MINISTER OF  
FINANCE:***

Correspondence was received from the Hon. Shirley McClellan, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance, in response to Council's letter regarding funding for a new acute care facility in Grande Prairie.

2006-23-791 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that the correspondence from the Hon. Shirley McClellan, Deputy Premier and Minister of Finance, dated November 9, 2006 in response to Council's letter regarding funding for a new acute care facility in Grande Prairie be received for information.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**COUNCILLOR COMMUNITY/  
COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**D. MARX:** Deputy Reeve Marx reported that he attended the AAMD&C conference last week and a High Prairie Recreation Board meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>. He advised that Mrs. Cowell, Recreation Director, will be contacting Mr. Eriksson to work on a rate schedule for the second ice surface along with Mr. Baran, Town Manager. Deputy Reeve Marx informed Council that Councillor Ehman was re-elected as Vice-Chairman of the Recreation Board. He further reported that the number of users of the Aquatic Centre during its first year of operation was well above estimates. A draft Recreation Board budget should be available for the December 4 & 5<sup>th</sup> budget meetings.

**F. WELCH:** Councillor Welch reported that she attended a Big Lakes Library Board meeting on November 8<sup>th</sup>, the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting on November 9<sup>th</sup> and the AAMD&C conference.

Mrs. Olansky returned to the meeting at 1:08 pm.

**K. MATTHEWS:** Councillor Matthews commented that being new to council he found the AAMD&C conference interesting, in particular the break out sessions.

Councillor Matthews reported that he has been asked to accompany members of the Second Ice Surface Committee in Edmonton on November 29<sup>th</sup> to review proposals for the ice plant. He provided an update on construction of the building.

2006-23-792 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that Councillor Matthews be approved to attend a meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> in Edmonton with regard to the ice plant for the second ice surface.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**K. KILLEEN:** Councillor Killeen reported that he attended the AAMD&C Conference and a Kinuso Recreation Board meeting. The Recreation Board is waiting to hear the status of their CFEP funding application.

**A. BILLINGS:** Councillor Billings reported that he attended the Agricultural Advisory Committee meeting. He apologized that he could not attend the AAMD&C Conference.

**R. EHMAN:** Councillor Ehman reported that he attended the AAMD&C Conference and provided information from the meeting held following the conference with the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Development regarding SARDA funding.

Councillor Ehman reported that he attended the High Prairie Recreation Board meeting on November 21<sup>st</sup>. He mentioned that the Board is considering an increase in fees at the Aquatic Centre and to broaden the resident rebate.

Councillor Dupres returned to the meeting at 1:14 p.m.

Councillor Ehman reported that the Recreation Board will be advertising for a new pool manager shortly.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

2006-23-793 **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MATTHEWS** that the meeting go into public hearing at 1:16 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-23-794                    **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 1:17 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***BYLAW #20-2006:***            Bylaw No. 20-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a portion of SW 30-74-17-W5 from Agriculture (A) District to Industrial (I) District was presented to Council for second and third readings.

2006-23-795                    **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 20-2006 be approved for second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-23-796                    **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 20-2006 be approved for third reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

A break was taken from 1:19 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

2006-23-797                    **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting go into public hearing at 1:30 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-23-798                    **MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 1:32 p.m.

***BYLAW #21-2006:***            Bylaw No. 21-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-district a portion of Pt. NW 3-74-13-W5 from Hamlet of Jousard Urban Reserve (HJUR) District to Recreation (R) District was presented to Council for second and third readings.

2006-23-799                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that Bylaw No. 21-2006 be approved for second reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-23-800                    **MOVED BY DEUPTY REEVE MARX** that Bylaw No. 21-2006 be approved for third reading.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

2006-23-801                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR EHMAN** that the meeting go into public hearing at 1:35 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

2006-23-802                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR KILLEEN** that the meeting come out of public hearing at 2:00 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

***BYLAW #17-2006:***            Bylaw No. 17-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to create a new Land Use District to be known as the Rural Estate (RE) District and to re-district a portion of NW 14-74-16-W5 from Agriculture (A) District to the new "RE" District was presented to Council for second and third readings. Council discussed the proposed bylaw amendment.

Ms. Samizadeh joined the meeting at 2:04 p.m.

2006-23-803                    **MOVED BY COUNCILLOR BILLINGS** that Bylaw No. 17-2006 to amend the Land Use Bylaw to create a new Land Use District to be known as the Rural Estate (RE) District and to re-district a portion of NW 14-74-16-W5 from Agriculture (A) District to the new "RE" District not be approved.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Loewen left the meeting at 2:07 p.m.

**DELEGATION:*****BIG LAKE COUNTRY  
TOURISM:***

Ms. Tanya Samizadeh, Executive Director of Big Lake Country Tourism, joined the meeting and presented an overview of the marketing activities taken place in 2006 and a draft marketing summary for 2007. Council was also provided with a copy of the draft 2007 Marketing/Operational Budget.

Ms. Samizadeh advised that an increase in staffing is needed by Big Lake Country Tourism by adding an administrative assistant. Funding for 2007 was requested in the amount of \$21,456 from the M.D. which includes an additional \$5000 to cover expenses for an administrative assistant.

Mr. Eriksson noted of the initiative to establish a regional economic development alliance. He questioned if Ms. Samizadeh has had any recent discussions with the M.D. of Opportunity regarding partnership in Big Lake Country Tourism. Ms. Samizadeh advised that she and Alberta Community Development met with Opportunity twice and plan on going up to give a presentation. Mr. Eriksson further questioned whether Big Lake Country Tourism could share the new administrative assistant position with the Visitors Information Centre that they are housed in. Ms. Samizadeh stated that it is being considered.

**OTHER:**

Deputy Reeve Marx made note of two letters from constituents in his ward under information in the agenda package regarding funding for the second ice surface for consideration during budget meetings.

Mrs. Olansky and Mr. Clegg left the meeting at 2:27 p.m.

**UPCOMING  
MEETINGS:**

November 27, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Public Works Committee
November 29, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Municipal Planning Commission
December 4 & 5, 2006	10:00 a.m.	Special Council Meetings

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next Regular Council Meeting will be held on December 13, 2006 at the M.D. Administration Building.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

2006-23-804

**MOVED BY DEPUTY REEVE MARX** that the meeting adjourn at 2:29 p.m.

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Myler Savill, Reeve

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John Eriksson, C.A.O.

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT)  
November 22, 2006

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	Ken Killeen, Kinuso
	Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
	Fern Welch, Grouard
Absent:	Violet Campiou, Faust
Administration:	John Eriksson, C.A.O. Jeff Renaud, A.C.A.O. Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Savill called the public hearing to order at 1:16 p.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-designate a portion of SW 30-74-17-W5 from Agriculture (A) District to Industrial (I) District.

The public hearing was duly advertised and no written or verbal expressions either for or against the Land Use Bylaw Amendment have been received.

The public hearing was closed at 1:17 p.m.

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Myler Savill, Reeve

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John Eriksson, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT)  
November 22, 2006**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Public Hearing for an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, November 22, 2006 commencing at 1:30 p.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

Reeve:	Myler Savill, Jousard
Deputy Reeve:	David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor:	Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
	Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow
	Randy Ehman, S. Sunset House/Gilwood
	Ken Killeen, Kinuso
	Ken Matthews, N. Gilwood/Triangle
	Fern Welch, Grouard
Absent:	Violet Campiou, Faust
Administration:	John Eriksson, C.A.O.
	Jeff Renaud, A.C.A.O.
	Pat Olansky, Community Development Officer
	Gerald Loewen, Treasurer
	Amanda Backs, Recording Secretary
Observer:	Tammy Melnyk
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Savill called the public hearing to order at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to re-designate a portion of Pt. NW 3-74-13-W5 from Hamlet of Jousard Urban Reserve (HJUR) District to Recreation (R) District.

The public hearing was duly advertised and no written or verbal expressions either for or against the Land Use Bylaw Amendment have been received.

The public hearing was closed at 1:32 p.m.

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Myler Savill, Reeve

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John Eriksson, C.A.O.

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES  
PUBLIC HEARING  
(LAND USE BYLAW AMENDMENT)  
November 22, 2006**

Minutes of the Municipal District of Big Lakes Public Hearing for an amendment to the Land Use Bylaw held at the M.D. Administration Building in High Prairie, Alberta on Wednesday, November 22, 2006 commencing at 1:35 p.m.

**PRESENT WERE:**

Reeve:	Myler Savill, Joussard
Deputy Reeve:	David Marx, Prairie Echo/Salt Prairie
Councillor:	Alvin Billings, HP East/Banana Belt
	Ray Dupres, Enilda/Big Meadow
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Observer:	John MacLeod, Agent
	Henry Brown
	Maurice & Ora Decorby
	Kurtis Drefs
	Lyndon & Denise Drefs
	Bill & Pearl Gustafson
	Doug Halldorson
	Lorne & Heather Pratt
	David & Lasha Sebo
	Jim & Nancy Stibbard
Press:	Chris Clegg, South Peace News

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Reeve Savill called the public hearing to order at 1:35 p.m.

Mrs. Olansky reported that the Public Hearing was being held on a matter of an application to amend the Land Use Bylaw to create a new Land Use District to be known as the Rural Estate (RE) District and to re-district a portion of NW 14-74-16-W5 from Agriculture (A) District to the new "RE" District.

The public hearing was duly advertised and several written submissions regarding the Land Use Bylaw amendment as well as the subdivision application have been received and are attached to the Community Development Officer's report. A request was also made by Mrs. Lasha Sebo to make a verbal presentation during the public hearing. Mrs. Olansky proceeded to read the letter submitted by Mrs. Sebo dated November 17, 2006 opposing the proposed Land Use Bylaw amendment.

Reeve Savill opened the floor to the public to speak to the proposed bylaw.

Mr. Pratt, representing Pratt Ranches, advised that the bylaws to address confined feeding operations recently given first reading by council limit his ability to expanding his operation, while developers seem to have no rules to abide by. He felt that his property will be devalued should the project proceed. Mr. Pratt added that if regulations continue to be imposed on farmers they will act as a deterrent and the family farm will become extinct. Mr. Pratt held the Town of High Prairie at fault for not having residential lots available to sell. He noted that he has been forced to adjust his operations insofar as fertilizer is concerned and deal with increased costs due to public pressure resulting from construction of the Eagle's Nest Complex. Mr. Pratt stated that he would like better research than that done with regard to the Eagle's Nest development prior to passing the bylaw before council.

Mr. Decorby raised concerns with deterioration of the East Prairie River bank and effects on Lesser Slave Lake from septic tanks should a flood occur.

Mr. Pratt noted that other neighbors will follow suit with proposed subdivisions and development based on the outcome of this application. Mr. Stibbard advised that he lives adjacent to the proposed development and although he has no problems with Pratts' operation, his main concern is with people moving into the area that are offended by the smell of a farm that was already established some time ago. Mrs. Pratt noted that producers in southern Alberta have experienced harassment from neighbors and been faced with class action suits.

Mr. L. Drefs resides at the south end of Range Road 163 and expressed concern with the possibility of increased quad traffic and potential for damages to namely his fences.

Mr. K. Drefs recently purchased a quarter section of land also along Range Road 163 and reiterated the concern over extra traffic, as well as the potential for crop damage and agricultural land being permanently taken out of production.

Mr. Gustafson questioned how the intersection at highway 2 would accommodate the increased traffic and congestion resulting from the proposed subdivision. He further mentioned the negative impacts on the East Prairie River in the event of a flood should basements built in the sandy soil leach.

Mr. MacLeod explained that his services were retained by Mr. Shewchuk from the start of the project. He advised that technical questions with regard to the road have been encompassed in the design and sewage has been addressed in accordance with Alberta rules and regulations. Mr. MacLeod added that if the subdivision proceeds the access road will be built to M.D. specifications. He further noted that Mr. Shewchuk also intends on having certain rules and regulations within his subdivision.

Mrs. Pratt questioned if the developer will inform potential investors in the subdivision of the surroundings and its close proximity to a hog farm. Mr. L. Drefs further questioned who would be responsible for costs resulting from erosion along the river bank caused by quad use which will ultimately put homes at risk. Mr. MacLeod advised that Mr. Shewchuk has given up a reserve adjacent to the river in order to protect the bank.

The public hearing was closed at 2:00 p.m.

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Myler Savill, Reeve

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